

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
David N. COOPER et al.
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METHOD FOR DETECTING GROWTH
HORMONE VARIATIONS IN HUMANS,
THE VARIATIONS AND THEIR USES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

--4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1,
wherein the individual exhibits normal results in a standard
growth hormone function test.--

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

--5. (Amended) A method according to claim 1,
wherein the detection method comprises any sequencing method
for determining the sequence of the GH1 gene of an
individual.--